

sent to soldiers in the cavalry service for horses and equipments furnished by themselves for army use. It was rejected.

BANK OF OFFICERS.

Mr. LANE offered an amendment which was adopted, providing that all officers of the army at the head of a force accepts a higher rank than is allowed by law for such position, he thereby forfeits his position as head of such force. This was adopted.

EXEMPTION FROM MILITARY DUTY.

Mr. GRIMES presented an amendment that no person subject to military duty shall be exempted because of having a substitute in the Navy, unless he presents the substitute in person at some naval recruiting station, which was adopted.

The resolution as amended was then passed.

SENATE OF THE WAR COMMITTEE.

The Senate agreed to the House resolution to continue the Committee on the Conduct of the War, during the vacation.

Several Indian bills were then taken up and passed.

PENSIONS.

Mr. FOSTER from the Committee on Pensions, reported a House bill in relation to pensions, with the following provisions: That no invalid pensioner now or hereafter in the service of the United States shall be entitled to draw a pension for any period of time during which he is or shall be absent from the service of the United States, excepting those who have discharged their duty to the government is allowed by law. The second section grants a pension to contract surgeons who wounded on their representations when killed in the service, the same as if they had been mustered into the service.

The third section grants a pension of twenty dollars a month to soldiers who lose a foot and one hand in the military service and in the line of duty.

The bill was passed.

FEDERATION'S BUREAU BILL.

Mr. WILSON called up the report of the Committee on the Freedmen's Bureau Bill, which was briefly discussed, and passed it off to-morrow.

INDIAN CREDITORY TREATIES.

The bill for the consolidation of the tribes of the Indian Territory and the establishment of civil Government therein, was considered and it passed. Yeas 37, nays 12.

AMENDATORY POSTAL LAW BILL.

The report of the Committee of Conference on the bill amending the postal laws, was concurred in.

FEDERATION'S SAVINGS BANK.

Mr. SHIRMAN called up the bill to incorporate the Freedmen's Savings and Trust Company, which was passed.

The Senate adjourned at 1, to meet at 10 o'clock.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

AMENDING THE RULES.

Mr. COX called up the report hereof made by him to amend the 7th rule, so as to add three additional Standing Committees, to be appointed at the commencement of each Congress, and to consist of nine members, and such other provisions as appropriate.

Proposed to take into consideration all Executive communications, and such other propositions in regard to carrying on the several Departments of the Government as may be presented and referred to them by the House.

The Committee of Ways and Means being thus divided, it is made the duty of the latter to take into consideration all reports of the Treasury Department and such other propositions relative to the receipt of revenue and preventing evasion, and the expenditure of the Government, as shall be presented, or shall come in question, and be referred to them by the House, and to report their opinion thereon by 1st or otherwise.

The amendment to the rules also provides for a Standing Committee on Banks and Banking, and also for a Committee on the Pacific Railroad, and defines their duties.

Mr. COX (Ohio) said the division of this Committee into three parts—Ways and Means, Appropriations and Banks and Banking, was proposed by him for the increase of labor on their own staff during the war.

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MILEAGE.

Mr. STEVENS moved to strike out the above and substitute that hereafter the mileage of members shall be \$10 a mile and \$300 a month for the time Congress is in session.

SOLDIERS' CLOTHING.

On motion of Mr. SCHENCK, an amendment was made that the compensation for clothing to volunteers shall be the same as that of soldiers in the regular army.

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A PAY ASSESSMENT.

The vote on this amendment was not yet announced. Mr. COX asked whether it would be in order for the Democrats who had voted to increase the pay of clerks to do the same.

Mr. COX moved that before he could be offered an amendment to repeal the preliminary duty on exports, but it had been improperly referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, which seems to absorb everything; but he could get no report from the committee in regard to the subject.

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A bill presented by Mr. COX, he computed the bills reported by the Committee on Ways and Means alone at \$3,770,673,267.97, which \$3,000,000 was for the army alone. Beyond this, Mr. COX said, the Committee of Ways and Means had no right to the entire amount of the bill, as it was not a part of the tariff's revenues, loans, etc., and in banking.

Mr. COX moved that those subjects involved in the bill be referred to the Committee of Finance. The resolution of Mr. COX was passed by a vote of 37 Yeas against 35 Nays.

THE HEALER BILL.

It is to be regretted that the citizens of New York who have the real welfare of the metropolis at heart, could not have been present at the discussions of this bill, during the last two days. The difficulties presented were both Senate and Assembly, and the House has been referred to the Committee on Public Health by whom.

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